



"One Flag, One Country, One Destiny."

A Democratic President.

The 4th of March is near at hand, and as the day approaches all of interest will centre at Washington. The inauguration of Grover Cleveland, the first Democratic President in over twenty years, promises to be one of the grandest and most imposing inaugural ceremonies this country has ever witnessed, and that those of our readers who may be unable to attend may have a full account we have made arrangements to have a reporter at the Capitol and obtain correct details of the grand ceremonies, inaugural address and the Ball at night. As the event will be one of interest and importance we know that all will read and appreciate a full account of it.

The Duke of Argyle has computed that the world will not be destroyed in ten million years. This is very encouraging to the Bartholdi Pedestal Fund Committee.

A bill before Congress to refund the direct war taxes to the several States has been reported favorably by the House Committee. If the bill becomes a law, South Carolina will receive a rebate of \$377,961.30.

Mr. Cleveland has cleared up all doubts as to whether there will be a lady to preside over entertainments at the White House, by deciding to bring his three sisters to Washington.

The North Carolina Legislature is considering a bill to prohibit the sale or gift of cigarettes to boys under ten years of age. The increasing use of cigarettes by infants is general all over the country, and such a law might profitably be passed in South Carolina.

A benevolent gentleman, who is a regular at the Marlboro Democrat, says: "You don't you spend it in drink." "You go to it!" responded the tramp. "I guess I'll do what I blamed please with my own money. Who are you, anyhow?"

A class is to be formed in the South Carolina Training School for Nurses in Charleston, S. C., on the first of April. Persons wishing to apply should do so at an early date, as but a limited number can be received. All necessary information can be obtained from the principal.

The Atlantic Coast Line has assumed control of the restaurants at Wilmington and Weldon, and will have the tables at both places supplied with the best the market affords. French cooks have been employed, and the fare will be equal in all respects to that of any hotel in the country.

The weather in the Northwest is doing immense damage. The snow is several feet deep and all trains are blocked. Passengers are cooped up at villages and stations along the lines and all mails are several days delayed. To add to the intense cold and deep snow the weather is tempestuous. Great suffering is the inevitable and natural result.

Mr. Cleveland's resignation as Governor of New York was misconstrued by an old backwoodsman at Little Rock, Ark. Said he: "Tharl! I know'd it. I know'd they'd skeer him outen it at last. Ain't been 'lected mo'n a month, and now hos ter gin up. Fust thing you know old Tom Hendricks will sling up his hands and quit too."

The Sun says that Mr. Cleveland has thrice offered the treasuryship to S. J. Randall, which in the language of Marc Anthony, he "did thrice refuse." It said further that he then offered the place to Daniel Manning, of New York, and that he accepted. Furthermore, the Sun says Bayard will be Secretary of State. But the trouble about the whole thing is, the Sun does not know, but is only guessing like the rest.

Captain James A. Drake.

From the Marion Index:

Since the restoration of the Democracy to power, the people of the Pee Dee section have been extremely modest in advancing their claims for recognition in the distribution of offices. To-day this populous and rich section has no representative in the Executive Department of the State Government. This being the case, it would be eminently proper for us to receive some recognition in the disposition of the officers soon to be appointed by Mr. Cleveland, and upon this theory and his qualifications and fitness to discharge the duties of the position we would urge the selection of Capt. James A. Drake, of Marlborough, for United States Marshal. He is very popular in this whole section, is and has always been a devoted democrat, and while he would undoubtedly perform the duties of the office with honor and credit, his appointment would be especially gratifying to his many friends in this portion of the State.

Death of Rev. J. W. Kelly.

The Rev. John W. Kelly, a prominent member of the South Carolina Conference, died suddenly at Orangeburg on Wednesday last, 18th inst. We get the following from the News and Courier of the 9th:

His death was entirely unexpected, and will be a sad surprise to a wide circle of friends. Mr. Kelly was about 60 years of age, and had been connected with the ministry of his church for more than thirty years. He was a well-educated man, and thoroughly equipped for the important clerical duties to which he was frequently called. The first years of his ministry were spent in the mining camps of California, where he labored with great zeal and efficiency. He filled the office of presiding elder in several of the districts of the South Carolina Conference, and was noted throughout the church for his great powers of organization and his wonderful command of men. As a pulpit orator he was one of the strongest and most eloquent ministers of the Methodist church. His preaching was plain, but being filled with practical religion it was always effective. He had a fine voice and a ready flow of language. His sermons were distinguished by sound logic and in all of the important stations to which he was assigned his labors were crowned with eminent success. At the last annual meeting of the Conference Mr. Kelly was assigned to the Providence Circuit in Orangeburg District and was actively engaged in the duties of his pastorate when he was called to this reward. The news of his departure will be heard with regret throughout the State. He left a large family upon whom his death will fall with crushing weight.

The Political Current.

Mr. Cleveland will not go to Washington, like Grant, to surround himself with old camp-fire chums, to accept gifts, to favor money-making Cabinet officers, to stand by Whiskey Ring secretaries, and to "work the position for all it is worth. Mr. Cleveland does not go to Washington, like Hays, to reward the rascals who stole the office for him, to save all his salary, and to sponge upon the Government in a petit larceny way through Treasury "miscellaneous." Mr. Cleveland does not go to the National Capitol, like Arthur, to enjoy good dinners, exhibit himself at balls, lay in bed until noon, keep a snug "cabinet," not for his councillors but for "the boys," and have a "good time" generally. Mr. Cleveland goes to Washington to have a very laborious, trying time, with serious work before him, and with the earnest intention to perform it thoroughly and honestly—not that he may personally have a "good time," but that the country may have good times.—New York World Democrat.

Senator Hampton refuses to agree to the caucus plan of nominating federal officers for South Carolina—that is, a plan by which the whole delegation in Congress should select by ballot the names to be recommended for Presidential appointment. He says that he will gladly receive any recommendations from the members of the House, but will not be bound by them; that the constitution provides that these appointments shall be made "with the advice and consent of the Senate," and he declines to shift this responsibility or share it with others. He says:

"If my advice is asked, I will recommend the applicant who has the strongest endorsement, who is, in my judgement, most competent, and who is most acceptable to our people."

Burton, the dynamiter, is so frightened that he means to turn Queen's evidence.

Death of Judge Wright.

Ex-Associate Justice J. J. Wright, one of the great lights in the days of Moses and Chamberlain, died at his home in Charleston on the 18th inst. He has been failing since 1870.

The Wilson and Florence Railroad.

The Columbia Register of February 12 has the following: "The long talk of Wilson and Florence Railroad is likely to be commenced soon. Col. R. R. Bridges, president of the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, is personally attending the survey and it is now positively stated that work will be begun within thirty days. I am sorry to chill the hope that the 'Wilson-Florence cut off' is soon to be built, but a gentleman familiar with the intentions of the management assures me officially that the purpose is only to build a branch of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad from Wilson to Fayetteville, and that the line will not be extended to Florence until the arbitrary powers of our railroad commission are abolished and a petition forces the construction of the 'cut off'."

ON OUR TABLE.

BALLOU'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE, March is issued and is fully up to the usual excellent standard. The capital illustrated article on Africa, showing the celebrated Victoria Falls, is most wonderful in the world. It comes Mr. Wm. H. Thome's "Lewey and I; or, Sailor Boys' Wanderings," fully as interesting as the "Belle of Australia," and "On Land and Sea," two of the most popular stories published within the last ten years. We understand the author, Mr. Thome, intends to visit the scene of his early adventures in California next time in April, and the trip will be of rare interest to him, we should suppose. "Lewey and I" promises well. The other matter in BALLOU'S is good. It includes stories, poems, amusing facts, etc. Only \$1.50 per year, or 15¢ single copy. Address Thome & Co., 23 Hawley St., Boston, Mass.

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE for February opens with a beautiful steel-plate illustration of girls caught in a snow-storm and "The Sisters," illustrating a powerful story by Frank Lee Randall. There is the usual double-size fashion plate, printed from steel, and colored by hand. (Peterson being the only magazine to give these expensive and refined fashion plates, and some fifty woodcut fashions, embroideries, work table designs, and other things useful to ladies. The principal article is an illustrated one, entitled "Washington City: Its Pictorial Side," a remarkable well-written and discriminating paper on the Federal City, considered artistically, architecturally, socially, etc., etc.

Every lady, as we have often said, ought to take this magazine. The price is but two dollars a year, with great deductions to clubs. Address CHAS. J. PETERSON, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Cotton was first grown by the early colonists in 1621, but it was not an article of general home consumption or an export for many years. In 1745 seven bags of cotton-wool valued at £3 11s 5d a bag, were among the exports of Charleston, S. C., and after the revolution the growth and exportation of the sea island cotton had commenced, seed having been obtained from one of the leeward isles. Originally the cotton was separated from the seed with the fingers, and afterwards there were several contrivances used, among them the employment of a long bow fitted with a number of strings, which being vibrated by the blows of a wooden mallet while in contact with a bunch of cotton shook the seed and dust from the mass. In 1742 Mr. M. Duboull then a wealthy planter of New Orleans, invented a cleaning machine, which was so far successful as to give quite an impulse to the cotton culture in Louisiana, and several other inventions were subsequently used in other sections of the south, but none of them accomplished the desired work. In 1794, Eli Whitney now residing in Georgia, discovered the saw gin, which completely removes all extraneous matters without injury to the fibre, and enables a man to clean 300 pounds a day instead of one pound, as he had been able to do by hand. This wonderful labor saving machine has exerted an influence on the industrial interests of the world, and has placed cotton among our national exports.

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C. S. McCALL, Bennettsville, S. C., Feb. 23, 1885.

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Citation Notice. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Marlboro', JUDGE OF PROBATE.

WHEREAS Charlotte Stanton and John C. Woodley hath each respectively made suit to me to grant unto them letters of Administration of the estate and effects of James Woodley, deceased;

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said James Woodley, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate to be held at my office in Bennettsville, on the 10th day of March next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why they have why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 23d day of February A. D., 1885.

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Citation Notice.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Marlboro', JUDGE OF PROBATE.

WHEREAS CAREY T. EASTERLING hath made suit to me to grant unto him letters of Administration of the estate and effects of Crawford Easterling, deceased;

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Crawford Easterling, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at my office in Bennettsville, on the 10th day of February next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 12th day of February, Anno Domini, 1884.

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February 18, 1885.

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